GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DEEMED UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms and guidelines for granting deemed university status to any educational institution;

(b) whether the Government has appointed any Committee to review the existing guidelines with regard to the granting of deemed university status to an institution;

(c) if so, the terms and reference of the Committee and the time by which the Committee would submit its report;

(d) whether some institutions with deemed university status have flouted guidelines pertaining to admission, fee and introduction of new courses, admission to SC, ST and OBC etc.;

(e) if so, the number of such universities including those receiving funds from UGC; and

(f) the action taken against such institutions?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 127 FOR 2.8.2005 BY S/SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY AND PRABODH PANDA REGARDING DEEMED UNIVERSITIES.

(a) to (c): In exercise of the powers vested under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the Central Government, on the recommendations of the UGC, notifies an institution of higher learning as 'deemed to be university'. The UGC had laid down its Guidelines for institutions declared as deemed to be universities. The guidelines inter alia provide that the institution should be engaged in programmes of teaching and research in fields of specialization which are innovative and, of very high academic standards. The institution should be capable of further enriching the university system and, competent to undertake application-oriented programmes in the emerging areas, which are relevant and useful to the various development sectors and, to the society in general. Except those applications, which are under the de novo category, the other applicant institutions should have been in existence for 10 years, with a management capable of contributing to the institution's objectives. It should possess infrastructure as prescribed by the relevant statutory bodies. The Government have not appointed any Committee to review the guidelines.

(d) to (f): The Government have not received any report regarding flouting of the UGC's Guidelines by institutions declared 'deemed to be universities' and receiving grants from the University Grants Commission, except in respect of one case, which is sub-judice.